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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Unassigned  
Michio AIZAWA, et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/754,533 )  
: Filed: January 12, 2004 )  
: For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) April 6, 2004  
AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GAU</u>	<u>APPLICANT(S)</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/262,852	03/05/1999	2655	Masayuki YAMADA	pending
09/263,262	03/05/1999	2654	Masayuki YAMADA	pending
09/661,394	09/13/2000	2641	Yasuhiro KOMORI	pending
			Masayuki YAMADA	

A copy of each of these pending applications is enclosed.

### FORMAL MATTERS


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in Washington, D.C. by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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